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Applicant's request for the withdrawal of the finality of the rejection in the Office action dated December 31, 1997 (Paper No. 5) is persuasive and, therefore, the finality of that action is hereby withdrawn. See also, Interview Summary dated August 7, 1998 (Paper No. 10) which indicates such action was to take place. Further, a review of that Office action clearly establishes that the rejections therein were improper; the references applied are not in fact prior art with respect to the claimed invention in this application. Accordingly, the Office action dated December 31, 1997, (Paper No. 5) is hereby vacated.

In view of the above action, the amendment filed October 20, 1997, and the amendment filed October 13, 1998, (via facsimile transmission) are before the examiner for consideration. An action on the merits will be issued in due course.

The application file also includes a "Petition to Make Special under M.P.E.P. 708.02 VIII dated May 3, 1997 that was not matched to the application file in a timely manner. The Office regrets the delay in matching these papers. A decision on the "Petition to Make Special" will also be forth coming under separate letter.

Applicant has appointed an attorney or agent to conduct all business before the Patent and Trademark Office. Double correspondence with an applicant and applicant's attorney or agent will not be undertaken. Accordingly, applicant is required to conduct all future correspondence with this Office through the attorney or agent of record. See 37 CFR 1.33.

This patent application is being transferred from patent examiner James Nimmo of Art Unit 2766 to patent examiner Alex Kalinowski of Art Unit 2761 for future examination.

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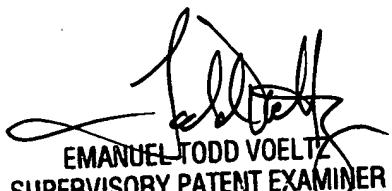
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alex Kalinowski whose telephone number is (703) 305-2398. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday Through Friday from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Emanuel Todd Voeltz, can be reached on (703) 305-9714. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 305-0040.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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